

SECTION 1: OVERVIEW

A. *Wellesley School Building Committee*

The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) has determined that a Town seeking state funds for a building project should create a school building committee for the purpose of generally monitoring the application process, collaborating with the MSBA on the project and advising the Town during the construction of the project. 963 CMR 210(3)

In January 2007, the School Building Committee was formed with membership based on MSBA regulations and specifications. The members are:

Katherine (Gig) Babson, Chairman – A member of the Board of Selectmen; former Town Moderator; former Chair of the Advisory Committee; lifelong resident; graduate of WHS.

Steve Baker – President of his own architectural firm that has designed academic facilities at the university level; also is an abutter to the High School property.

Tom Goemaat - CEO of Shawmut Design and Construction, which has performed major projects for educational institutions throughout New England; former member of the Facilities Advisory and Program Review Committees, advising on HS issues.

Steve Gagosian – A member of the Permanent Building Committee; an architect with historical preservation credentials; a licensed general contractor; and a professional arbitrator.

Rusty Kellogg – A member of the Advisory Committee; a Town Meeting Member; a former accountant; CFO and small business owner.

Andrew Keough – Wellesley High School principal, with extensive experience with new and renovated school building projects.

Hans Larsen – The Town's Executive Director and former Chair of the Advisory Committee.

Suzy Littlefield – A member of the School Committee; a Town Meeting Member; former Advisory Committee member and the lead representative from the School Committee to the Middle School renovation project.

Kathy Mullaney – Projects Administrator of the Permanent Building Committee for the past 10 years; former Advisory Committee member and Town Meeting Member

Cynthia Westerman – An independent project manager for private school building projects for 18 years; a Town Meeting Member; an abutter to the High School property. Former member of Facilities Advisory and Program Review Committees.

Bella Wong – Superintendent of Wellesley Public Schools; lead administrator for many recent school building projects.

B. Wellesley Permanent Building Committee

Under Article 14 of the Town bylaws, the Permanent Building Committee (PBC) is responsible for oversight of all building projects. Town by-laws require this five-member board include an attorney, architect, engineer and an individual primarily engaged in the construction industry.

For the High School Building Project, the PBC is working closely with SBC. Additionally, one PBC member and the PBC staff member are members of the SBC.

The Town Moderator appoints the members of the PBC and they are:

Michael Eby, Chairman - Attorney specializing in construction law. Has served on PBC from 1983- 1988 and 1994 -2008.

Steve Gagosian, Vice Chairman - Registered Architect, Licensed General Contractor and Professional Arbitrator; Experience in historic preservation. Appointed to PBC in 2001.

Robert Shupe - Expertise in HVAC field; Experience in developing energy-saving technologies. Appointed to PBC in 2008.

Matt King - Partner in a Commercial Electrical Contracting business. Appointed to PBC in 2001.

Sarah Norwood - Town Meeting Member from 1992-1995 and since 2002; served on Advisory Committee from 2001 - 2004 and on the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) from 2004 – 2007 which she chaired for one year. Appointed to PBC in September 2007.

C. *Constituent Groups*

In a continuing effort to engage community involvement in the High School Building Project, the SBC has encouraged community members to participate formally in the process. The following Constituent Groups have been specifically notified of decision points and progress; invited to participate in roundtable discussions and facilities tours; and encouraged to provide input and feedback on project approaches.

The Constituent Groups and their respective spokespeople are self-appointed. All who have expressed an interest in being involved have been encouraged and welcomed. The following are the Constituent Groups currently represented:

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| Central Council of Parent-Teacher Organizations (<i>PTOs</i>)..... | K.C. Kato |
| Neighbors (<i>including WHS abutters</i>)..... | Anita Alden |
| Parent Advisory Committee (<i>PAC, parents of students with special needs</i>)..... | Pam Lam |
| Parents of Performing Students (<i>POPS</i>) | Susan Buckley |
| Recreation Department..... | Jim Conlin |
| SMART / GreenWave Wellesley | Pamela Posey |
| Town Athletics | Mike Jennings |
| WHS Students..... | Mike Kehoe |
| WHS Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (<i>PTSO</i>)..... | Virginia Ferko |
| WHS Preservation Committee..... | Tory DeFazio |
| Wellesley Historical Commission | Linda Buffum |
| Wellesley Taxpayers' Association..... | Brad Boyd |

D. *Proposed Timeline*

The SBC is intending to decide on the one option (renovation/addition or all new) for the High school Project which will be advanced to the schematic design phase. Working with the MSBA, the SBC will be seeking Town Meeting and community input beginning in late April with a target of mid-May for the decision.

The following are the dates for meetings to gather such input. As other dates and location are identified, the SBC will communicate the information through the Town Clerk and the SBC newsletter:

Tuesday, April 8thAnnual Town Meeting Presentation

Public Input Sessions: Dates, times and location will be determined shortly.

Decision Point: The decision will be made at a SBC meeting mid-May. The criteria on which the decision will be made are in draft form and found in Section 5, page 2. The SBC will be seeking input on the criteria during its presentation to Town Meeting on April 8 before they are finalized.

Anticipated Schedule:

August/September, 2008.....MSBA Board Meeting, anticipated review

October, 2008.....Special Town Meeting, with article on Project funding

December, 2008.....BALLOT QUESTION for funding Project through a debt exclusion

Summer 2010.....Project start